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### **ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Bob Stump, Chairman

Gary Pierce Brenda Burns Bob Burns

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FROM:

Matthew J. Neubert

**Director of Securities** 

DATE:

May 28, 2013

RE:

Order to Cease and Desist, Order for Restitution, Order for Administrative

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Penalties and Consent to Same By: Respondents International Air Medical

Services, Inc., Thomas F. Kelley, and Laura Kelley

Docket No. S-20858A-12-0412

CC:

Jodi Jerich, Executive Director

Attached is a proposed Order to Cease and Desist, Order for Restitution, and Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same By: Respondents International Air Medical Services, Inc., Thomas F. Kelley, and Laura Kelley ("Order"). Laura Kelley ("Respondent Spouse") was joined pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2031(C) solely for the purposes of determining the liability of the marital community. The Order finds that from at least September 2009 to June 2012, Respondents International Air Medical Services, Inc. ("IAMS") and Thomas F. Kelley offered and sold investors stock and promissory notes issued by IAMS, a start-up long range air ambulance business. Respondents raised \$1,522,000 from investors, and only \$115,700 was repaid. Respondents are not registered as securities salesmen or dealers, nor has the investment been registered with the Commission.

The Order finds that Respondents violated A.R.S. §§ 44-1841 and 44-1842 by selling unregistered securities while being unregistered. In addition, the Order finds that Respondents violated A.R.S. §44-1991(A).

The Order requires Respondents to permanently cease and desist from violating the Securities Act, to pay a \$50,000 administrative penalty, and to pay restitution of \$1,406,300.

The Division believes that the Order is appropriate to protect the public welfare.

Originator: Stacy Luedtke

#### BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>

BOB STUMP, Chairman GARY PIERCE BRENDA BURNS BOB BURNS SUSAN BITTER SMITH

INTERNATIONAL AIR MEDICAL

THOMAS F. KELLEY and LAURA

KELLEY, husband and wife,

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In the matter of:

SERVICES, INC.,

Respondents.

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DOCKET NO. S-20858A-12-0412

DECISION NO.

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, ORDER FOR RESTITUTION, ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND CONSENT TO SAME

BY: RESPONDENTS INTERNATIONAL AIR MEDICAL SERVICES, INC., THOMAS F. KELLEY, AND LAURA KELLEY

Respondents International Air Medical Services, Inc., Thomas F. Kelley and Laura Kelley ("Respondents") elect to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal under Articles 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of Arizona, A.R.S. § 44-1801 et seq. ("Securities Act") with respect to this Order To Cease And Desist, Order for Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties and for Other Affirmative Action ("Order"). Respondents admit the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"); neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order; and consent to the entry of this Order by the Commission.

I.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant, Respondent Thomas F. Kelley ("Kelley") has been a married man and a resident of the state of Arizona. At all times relevant, Kelley offered and sold unregistered securities within and from Arizona in his individual capacity, and on behalf of

International Air Medical Services, Inc. ("IAMS") as the president and/or CEO, and general counsel. Kelley has not been registered by the Commission as a securities salesman or dealer.

- 2. At all times relevant, Respondent IAMS has been an Arizona corporation. IAMS was organized under the laws of the state of Arizona in September 2006, dissolved in 2009, and was re-organized under the laws of the state of Arizona in October 2009. IAMS has not been registered by the Commission as a securities salesman or dealer.
- 3. Laura Kelley was at all relevant times the spouse of Respondent Kelley. Laura Kelley may be referred to as "Respondent Spouse". Respondent Spouse is joined in this action under A.R.S. § 44-2031(C) solely for purposes of determining the liability of the marital community.
- 4. At all times relevant, Respondent Kelley was acting for his own benefit and for the benefit or in furtherance of his and Respondent Spouse's marital community.
  - 5. IAMS and Kelley may be referred to collectively as "Respondents."
- 6. From on or about September 2009 until at least June 2012, Kelley offered and sold promissory notes and/or stock in IAMS, a long range jet air ambulance company ("IAMS Investments").
- 7. From at least September 2009 to the present, Kelley acted as general counsel, president and/or CEO of IAMS.
- 8. Respondents offered the IAMS Investments to Arizona offerees, and to out of state offerees from Arizona. Respondents represented to offerees that IAMS was a start-up long range jet air ambulance business. Respondents represented to offerees and that investor funds would be used to establish a headquarters in Arizona; obtain a federally mandated commercial operating certificate (Part 135 certification) to conduct operations for compensation or hire; operate from Arizona; and then expand the business to establish bases in other states to increase service capacity (i.e. the ability to accept more air ambulance flights).

- 9. Respondents raised funds for the IAMS Investments and issued investors IAMS stock, promissory notes, and/or a combination of promissory notes and stock.
- 10. The IAMS Investments have not been registered as securities with the Commission to be offered or sold within or from Arizona.
- 11. IAMS, either through Kelley or authorized third parties, supplied offerees with subscription documents, business plans, PowerPoint presentations, and, in at least one instance, a private placement memorandum, for the IAMS Investments. Investor documents were drafted and finalized for content by Kelley.
- 12. At least one business plan provided to an investor stated, "We have created this unique opportunity where the investor can elect to have the security of getting 100% of their money returned plus interest."
- 13. In October 2011, IAMS held an "open house" in which the IAMS Investments were offered to attendees. Shortly thereafter, representatives of IAMS sent e-mails to attendees attaching an IAMS brochure, PowerPoint presentation, and business plan.
- 14. From at least September 2009 until at least June 2012, IAMS issued promissory notes in exchange for capital investments by at least fourteen investors. The majority of these promissory notes reflect varying interest rates between 8% 20%, with higher default interest rates, and terms for repayment from approximately 30 days to three years. For at least thirteen of these investors, IAMS issued the promissory notes in conjunction with either preferred or common stock in IAMS (hereafter "Equity + Note Investors").
- 15. In 2009, IAMS represented to at least one Equity + Note Investor that "THERE WILL BE AN ESCROW OF FUNDS UP TO AND NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000. ONCE \$200,000 IN SUBSCRIPTION MONEYS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN ESCROW, ALL SUBSCRIPTION MONEYS, INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL ESCROW, WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY FOR ITS OPERATING EXPENSES."
  - 16. IAMS has never escrowed any investor funds.

- 17. For at least five of the Equity + Note Investors, IAMS issued Stock Purchase Agreements or Secured Loan Agreements ("Agreements") in conjunction with a promissory note ("Secured Equity + Note Investors"). The first of these Secured Equity + Note Investors invested in June 2011 ("First Secured Equity + Note Investor").
- 18. The Agreements for each of the Secured Equity + Note Investors provided for IAMS stock to be issued to the investor upon receipt of investment funds, and specifically referenced as "Attachment A" a promissory note, and "Attachment B" a security agreement, that would also be issued when investment funds were received.
- 19. Each of these Secured Equity + Note Investors' investment documents contained the following terms:
  - a. A 10% interest rate;
  - b. Quarterly interest payments;
  - c. A balloon payment of principal and accrued but unpaid interest after 35-36 months;
  - d. An option to convert outstanding principal and unpaid interest to IAMS shares of stock.
- 20. Each of these Secured Equity + Note Investors' investment documents contained the following representations:
  - a. That IAMS pledged security in "all assets of IAMS all assets of IAMS now existing or hereafter arising or acquired" for each investor;
  - b. That "[t]he debt described herein is IAMS' most senior debt";
  - c. That the collateral was "free from any lien, claim, security interest, encumbrance, or other right, title, or interest of any other person or entity except the Senior Lender(s)."

- d. "Debtor [IAMS] will not hereafter grant security interest in, or sell the Collateral to, any other person, firm or corporation, without Secured Party's [investor's] consent.
- 21. An additional investor that was issued only promissory notes for his investments in IAMS was also pledged security in "all assets of IAMS now existing or hereafter arising or acquired" ("Note Only Investor"). IAMS promised the Note Only Investor that the collateral was "free from any lien claim security interest, encumbrance, or other right, title, or interest of any other person or entity except the Senior Lender(s)." The term "Senior Lenders(s) was not defined in the investment materials.
- 22. With the exception of the First Secured Equity + Note Investor, IAMS misrepresented to the remaining Secured Equity + Note Investors, that they held the "most senior debt" and that the collateral was "free from any lien, claim, security interest, encumbrance, or other right, title, or interest of any other person or entity except the Senior Lender(s)." IAMS failed to disclose previous security interests pledged in the same collateral or disclose previous note-holders with priority.
- 23. IAMS failed to obtain the Secured Equity + Note Investors' written consent when pledging the same collateral to subsequent investors.
- 24. Kelley was a signatory for IAMS for the promissory notes and security agreements issued to investors.
- 25. The majority of investors who invested via promissory notes with IAMS have not been paid as required under the terms of their notes, with many receiving no payments at all.
- 26. IAMS also issued IAMS common or preferred stock to investors in exchange for capital contributions ("Equity Only Investors"). At least six investors invested in IAMS as Equity Investors.

- 27. The majority of Equity Only Investors executed Stock Purchase Agreements with IAMS. Kelley signed the Stock Purchase Agreements as the President and General Counsel of IAMS.
- 28. The Stock Purchase Agreements required IAMS to deliver stock certificates to each investor. IAMS failed to issue or delayed (in one instance nearly a year) issuing a stock certificate for at least three investors.
- 29. The IAMS stock certificates that were issued to investors were issued and signed by Kelley.
- 30. On numerous occasions, Kelley offered IAMS board of director positions at IAMS as part of the IAMS Investments, yet did not have any board resolutions to do so. Further, these "board member investors" have not been advised of board meetings or presented with any opportunity to vote as board members.
- 31. Respondents issued and sold promissory notes and/or stock in IAMS to investors totaling approximately \$1,552,000. Of this amount, investors have received payments totaling only approximately \$115,700.
- 32. Term sheets were also provided to offerees, which stated that stockholders had voting rights in IAMS with the shares consistent with IAMS's Articles of Incorporation and By Laws. Offerees were also advised that stockholders would be able to elect board members and appoint a Chairman of the Board.
- 33. IAMS' By Laws provide for annual stockholder meetings to elect board members starting in 2008. As of July 2012, IAMS has held no annual stockholder meetings. IAMS has appointed numerous board members without any election by stockholders, appointed board members that exceed the cap of nine allowed by IAMS' By Laws, with Kelley alone appointing a Chairman of the Board.
- 34. Investors' funds were transferred, wired and/or deposited into Arizona bank accounts owned and controlled by Respondents.

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35. Kelley, as well as one other IAMS officer, utilized the IAMS account, which included investor funds, for their own personal expenses. Kelley, however, did not draw a salary from IAMS. The board of directors has never approved any compensation or salaries for officers of IAMS, which is required by the IAMS By Laws.

#### II.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the Securities Act.
- 2. Respondents offered or sold securities within or from Arizona, within the meaning of A.R.S. §§ 44-1801(15), 44-1801(21), and 44-1801(26).
- 3. Respondents violated A.R.S. § 44-1841 by offering or selling securities that were neither registered nor exempt from registration.
- 4. Respondents violated A.R.S. § 44-1842 by offering or selling securities while neither registered as dealers or salesmen nor exempt from registration.
  - 5. Respondents violated A.R.S. § 44-1991(A).
- 6. Respondents' conduct is grounds for a cease and desist order pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
- 7. Respondents' conduct is grounds for an order of restitution pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
- 8. Respondents' conduct is grounds for administrative penalties under A.R.S. § 44-2036.
- 9. Respondent Kelley acted for the benefit of his and Respondent Spouse's marital community and, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 25-214 and 25-215, this Order of restitution and administrative penalties is a debt of the community.

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10. Respondent Kelley directly or indirectly controlled IAMS within the meaning of A.R.S. § 44-1999; Kelley is jointly and severally liable with, and to the same extent as, IAMS for IAMS' violations of A.R.S. § 44-1991.

#### III.

#### ORDER

THEREFORE, on the basis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Respondents' consent to the entry of this Order, attached and incorporated by reference, the Commission finds that the following relief is appropriate, in the public interest, and necessary for the protection of investors:

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that Respondents, and any of Respondents' agents, employees, successors and assigns, permanently cease and desist from violating the Securities Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondents comply with the attached Consent to Entry of Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that Respondents IAMS and Kelley individually, and the marital community of Respondent Kelley and Respondent Spouse, jointly and severally, shall pay restitution to the Commission in the principal amount of \$1,406,300. Payment is due in full on the date of this Order. Payment shall be made to the "State of Arizona" to be placed in an interest-bearing account controlled by the Commission. Any principal amount outstanding shall accrue interest at the rate of 4.25 percent per annum from the date this Order is entered until paid in full.

The Commission shall disburse the funds on a pro-rata basis to investors shown on the records of the Commission. Any restitution funds that the Commission cannot disburse because an investor refuses to accept such payment, or any restitution funds that cannot be disbursed to an investor because the investor is deceased and the Commission cannot reasonably identify and locate the deceased investor's spouse or natural children surviving at the time of the distribution,

shall be disbursed on a pro-rata basis to the remaining investors shown on the records of the Commission. Any funds that the Commission determines it is unable to or cannot feasibly disburse shall be transferred to the general fund of the state of Arizona.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2036, that Respondents IAMS and Kelley individually, and the marital community of Respondent Kelley and Respondent Spouse, jointly and severally shall pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$50,000. Payment is due in full on the date of this Order. Payment shall be made to the "State of Arizona." Any amount outstanding shall accrue interest from the date judgment is entered at the rate of 4.25 percent per annum.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that payments received by the state of Arizona shall first be applied to the restitution obligation. Upon payment in full of the restitution obligation, payments shall be applied to the penalty obligation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the restitution ordered hereunder shall be subject to legal set-off pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-308(C).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if any Respondent fails to comply with this order, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against that Respondent, including application to the superior court for an order of contempt.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective immediately.

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## BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1 2 3 **COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN** 4 5 **COMMISSIONER** COMMISSIONER 6 COMMISSIONER 7 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive 8 Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the 9 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this \_\_\_\_\_day of 10 11 12 JODI JERICH 13 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 14 DISSENT 15 16 17 DISSENT 18 This document is available in alternative formats by contacting Shaylin A. Bernal, ADA Coordinator, voice phone number 602-542-3931, e-mail sabernal@azcc.gov. 19 20 (SLL) 21 22 23 24 25 .26 10 Decision No.

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#### **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

- 1. Respondents International Air Medical Services, Inc. ("IAMS"), Thomas F. Kelley ("Kelley") and Laura Kelley ("Respondent Spouse") (collectively "Respondents") admit the jurisdiction of the Commission over the subject matter of this proceeding. Respondents acknowledge that Respondents have been fully advised of Respondents' right to a hearing to present evidence and call witnesses and Respondents knowingly and voluntarily waive any and all rights to a hearing before the Commission and all other rights otherwise available under Article 11 of the Securities Act and Title 14 of the Arizona Administrative Code. Respondents acknowledge that this Order To Cease And Desist, Order for Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties and for Other Affirmative Action ("Order") constitutes a valid final order of the Commission.
- 2. Respondents knowingly and voluntarily waive any right under Article 12 of the Securities Act to judicial review by any court by way of suit, appeal, or extraordinary relief resulting from the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondents acknowledge and agree that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 4. Respondents acknowledge that Respondents have been represented by an attorney in this matter, Respondents have reviewed this Order with Respondents' attorney, Alan Baskin, and understands all terms it contains. Respondents acknowledge that their attorney has apprised them of their rights regarding any conflicts of interest arising from dual representation. Respondents acknowledge that they have each given their informed consent to such representation.
- 5. Respondents neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order. Respondents agree that Respondents shall not contest the validity of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order in any present or future proceeding in which the Commission or any other state agency is a party concerning the denial or issuance of any license or registration required by the state.

- 6. By consenting to the entry of this Order, Respondents agree not to take any action or to make, or permit to be made, any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any Finding of Fact or Conclusion of Law in this Order or creating the impression that this Order is without factual basis. Respondents will undertake steps necessary to assure that all of Respondents' agents and employees understand and comply with this agreement. This Order is entered without trial of any issue of fact. Except for in this case and any other proceeding involving the Commission, this Order is not intended to have any collateral estoppel or res judicata effect against Respondents or to preclude Respondents from defending themselves in such proceedings not involving the Commission.
- 7. While this Order settles this administrative matter between Respondents and the Commission, Respondents understand that this Order does not preclude the Commission from instituting other administrative or civil proceedings based on conduct not addressed by this Order.
- 8. Respondents understand that this Order does not preclude the Commission from referring this matter to any governmental agency for administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to the matters addressed by this Order.
- 9. Respondents understand that this Order does not preclude any other agency or officer of the state of Arizona or its subdivisions from instituting administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to matters addressed by this Order.
- 10. Respondents IAMS and Kelley agree that they will not apply to the state of Arizona for registration as a securities dealer or salesman or for licensure as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative until such time as all restitution and penalties under this Order are paid in full.
- 11. Respondents IAMS and Kelley agree that they will not exercise any control over any entity that offers or sells securities or provides investment advisory services within or from Arizona until such time as all restitution and penalties under this Order are paid in full.

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1 2 **COMMISSIONERS** 3 BOB STUMP, Chairman 4 **GARY PIERCE** BRENDA BURNS 5 **BOB BURNS** SUSAN BITTER SMITH 6 In the matter of: DOCKET NO. S-20858A-12-0412 7 INTERNATIONAL AIR MEDICAL NOTICE OF FILING OF PROPOSED 8 OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM SERVICES, INC., THOMAS F. KELLEY and LAURA KELLEY, husband and wife, 10 Respondents. 11 Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-303, you are hereby notified that the attached: Order to Cease 12 and Desist, Order for Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same By: 13 Respondents International Air Medical Services, Inc., Thomas F. Kelley, and Laura Kelley was 14 filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission's Docket Control. 15 Dated: 3/29/13 16 Luedtke, Staff Attorney 17 18 I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document on all parties of record in this 19 proceeding by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with first class postage prepaid to: 20 Alan Baskin, Esq. 21 Bade Baskin Richards 80 East Rio Salado Parkway, Suite 511 22 Tempe, AZ 85281 Attorney for Respondents 23

5/29/13 Dated: Bridges, Executive Assistant

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